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SUBJECT: POLISH EDITORIAL SHARPENS CRITICISM OF WEST

1. AN EDITORIAL BY RYSZARD WOJNA IN TRYBUNA LUDU
JULY 29 CRITICIZES THE PUERTO RICO SUMMIT MEETING,
USING ANTI-WESTERN RHETORIC HARSHER THAN WE HAVE
SEEN IN RECENT MONTHS. THE SUMMIT OF THE "FOUR
GENTLEMEN" IS LIKENED TO MEETINGS OF THE MONARCHS
OF THE "HOLY ALLIANCE" IN VIENNA, TROPPAU, AND
LEIBACH, AND IS TERMED "ECONOMIC BLACKMAIL".
BORROWING LIBERALLY FROM STORIES IN THE WESTERN PRESS,
WOJNA COMES DOWN PARTICULARLY HARD ON CHANCELLOR
SCHMIDT, CHARACTERIZING HIS REVELATION OF THE ALLEGED AGREEMENT

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TO WITHHOLD CREDITS FROM ITALY IF THE COMMUNISTS ENTER THE

GOVERNMENT AS A DOMESTIC GERMAN ELECTORAL POWER
PLAY AND AS AN EXAMPLE OF GERMAN ARROGANCE WHICH
IS RESENTED BY THE FRG'S EUROPEAN ALLIES. ITALIAN
COMMUNIST LEADER GIANCARLO PAJETTA IS QUOTED AS
SAYING THAT, IF ANYONE COULD GIVE ITALY'S WESTERN
CREDITORS EFFECTIVE LOAN GUARANTEES, IT WOULD BE THE
COMMUNISTS. THE EDITORIAL ADDS THAT ONLY THE COMMUNIST
PARTY CAN ASSURE THAT THE WILL OF THE ITALIAN PEOPLE
WILL BE EXPRESSED IN THE GOVERNMENT.

2. COMMENT: DESPITE THE FACT THAT IT IS BASED ON
REPORTS FROM WESTERN NEWSPAPERS, THE TONE OF WOJNA'S
EDITORIAL MAKES A SHARP DEPARTURE FROM RECENT POLISH
TREATMENT OF WESTERN POLITICAL ISSUES. IT IS
INTERESTING THAT WOJNA CONCENTRATES ON SCHMIDT AND
RESERVED HIS SHARPEST LANGUAGE FOR THE FRG.
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